GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:133
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RESTRUCTURING OF FILM DIVISION AND DAVP
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to reorganize and restructure the Film Division and DAVP:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the expenses incurred by the Government for the production of films, documentaries and short films are increasing every year;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the expenses incurred in each of the last three years; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the standard of the Film Division unit and the productions carried out alongwith the special schemes to promote the film production activities in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUSTION NO.133 FOR ANSWER O 2.3.2001

(a) & (b): The working of media units like Films Division and Directorate ofAdvertising & Visual Publicity is kept under constant review and changes made from time to time to enable better performance.

(c) & (d): No inordinate increase in expenses incurred by the Government onproduction of films, documentaries and short films is noticed.

(e): Efforts are made to give an impetus to the growth of the documentary film movement in India by assigning Films Division productions to independent film makers. The Films Division organizes the biennial Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films which provides an opportunity to documentaryfilm makers to showcase their films before the Indian and international audience. Films Division also organizes Documentary Film Festivals in different State capitals throughout the year. In order to facilitate a greater flow of institutional finance to the film industry, Entertainment Industry including `Films` has been specified as an approved activity under `Industrial Concern` under the IDBI Act.